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TO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO U.S. CITIZEN

TO AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD FROM LAINGEN

1. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, AMCIT SAM ANTHONY PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 19 AT LEONARISSO, CYPRUS. HIS RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES DID NOT LEARN OF HIS DEATH UNTIL LATE LAST WEEK. HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, MARIA SOTIROPOULOS, WHOM I BELIEVE YOU KNOW, WORKS IN THE BUREAU AND IS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT HER GRANDMOTHER, KATERINA ANTHONY. MARIA IS CONVINCED THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS FOR HER GRANDMOTHER TO LEAVE THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED ZONE. HOWEVER, SHE IS EQUALLY CONVINCED THAT HER GRANDMOTHER WILL RESIST LEAVING LEONARISSO, EXCEPT POSSIBLY AT THE PERSUASION OF A FAMILY MEMBER. CONSEQUENTLY, MARIA IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO CYPRUS IMMEDIATELY TO MEET WITH GRANDMOTHER AND TO ARRANGE FOR DEPARTURE FROM TURKISH ZONE.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER MARIA WILL BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE NORTH OF CYPRUS AND CHANCES OF ARRANGING FOR DEPARTURE OF KATERINA

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ANTHONY. ADDITIONALLY, MARIA IS HOPEFUL OF REPATRIATING

REMAINS OF SAM ANTHONY TO U.S. WE COULD APPROACH
TURKISH EMBASSY HERE IF YOU CONSIDER SUCH A STEP
HELPFUL. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE IF
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH TURKISH
AUTHORITIES IN NICOSIA. YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE
WILL BE APPRECIATED SO THAT MARIA CAN WORK OUT
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER

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